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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YANASE ET AL.

Examiner

Julie Anne Watko

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 recites the limitation "a lower end of the holder" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-3 are allowed.
6. Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
The prior art of record neither shows nor suggests a panel provided so as to be translatable between a first position in which the center hole in the disk is brought near the fore-end of the

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turntable, and a second position in which the disk is fitted onto the turntable; in combination with a stop supported pivotably on the panel, wherein a chassis is furnished with a release mechanism for pivoting the stop in a direction in which, in association with the panel pivoting from the first position to the second position, the stop comes out of abutment with the disk.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yoon (US Pat. No. 5187700) shows door 2 with clamping magnet 6 and chassis 1 with turntable 5, and folded rib of housing 10, wherein "rib 15 contacts with an inner surface of the front panel 1a when a 12D disc is loaded" (see col. 3, lines 23-26; see also Fig. 7), and wherein "front portions of columns 12, 12' contact with the inner surface 2' of the lower plate of the door 2 as shown in Fig. 4" when a 8D disc is loaded (see col. 3, lines 31-39).

Cho (US Pat. No. 5016236) shows a vertical type compact disc player comprising door 2, sliding bracket 4, and supporting pins 20 and 21 (see Figs. 6A-7B).

Koiwa et al (US Pat. No. 4969140) show a rotary disc loading mechanism comprising lid 2 and guide arms 21.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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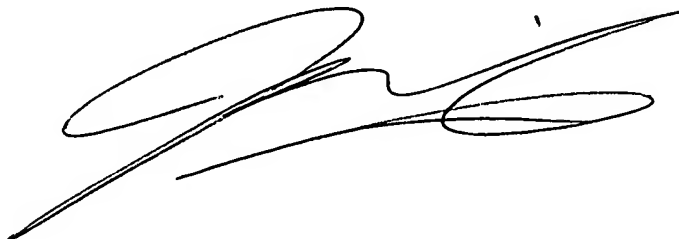
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (571) 272-7597.

The examiner can normally be reached on T11A-5P W3P-9P Th11:30A-10P F10A-8:30P SatNoon-8:30P.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dwayne D. Bost can be reached on (571) 272-7023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Julie Anne Watko
Primary Examiner
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March 6, 2006
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JAW', with a large, stylized loop and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.